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REMARKS			

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1. At about 8 a.m. on 6 March 1954, 20 T-34 and JS tanks, including Nos 221, 222, 232, 240, 246; 10 trucks towing 10 AA guns, 10 trucks towing AT guns, 25 other trucks and 15 M-3 armored personnel carriers arrived in the Neu-Glienicke area from the direction of Neuruppin. The trucks, which towed AA guns, had been detrained in Neuruppin. The column occupied positions and quarters in Jagen (forest section) Nos 83 through 91.

2. At about 10 a.m. on the same day, 14 trucks arrived in Jagen No 92. The vehicles had a white quadrangle, 80 x 80 cm, on their tailboards, with Nos 1 through 14 in the quadrangles.

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4. On 7 March, trench positions were constructed in Jagen Nos 109 through 112, while tanks, AT and AA guns took positions in Jagen Nos 83 through 91.

5. At 9:30 a.m. on 8 March, 20 tanks and about 200 infantrymen armed with machine guns and submachine guns were seen in a simulated attack toward north-northwest. The troops fired with live ammunition. No targets were observed. At about 5 p.m., the troops returned to their previous positions.

6. Between 6 p.m. on 9 March and 8 a.m. on 10 March, troops arrived at the training area from all directions, apparently for a large-scale exercise. The vehicles were marked with red or white flags and the troops wore red or white brassards. Source determined that the troops marched to the training area via Frankendorf, Raegelin, Fretzdorf, Walsleben, Neuruppin, Wulkow, Wittstock, Rheinsberg, Bienenwalde, Wallitz and Zuehlen. The white party approached

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from a northeastern to southeastern direction and the red party from a northwestern to southwestern direction. All roads were blocked. The exercise terminated at about 6 p.m. on 10 March with the units departing on their approach roads. All roads not used by the troops had been blocked by barriers and ditches. Source determined that, during the exercise, several tanks were towing dummy tanks, about half the size of a real tank. One tank towed 3 dummies, with the first dummy being about 350 meters from the tank, the second 80 meters from the first dummy and the third another 80 meters from the second dummy.

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1. Comment. Source observed the exercise of the 25th Tank Div, reinforced by elements of the 6th Gds Mech Div and, probably, the 71st Light Arty Brig (US), which started south-south-east of Mueritz Lake on 6 March and terminated at the Wittstock troop training grounds on 10 March. According to turret numbers, the units which arrived in the Neu-Glienke area on 6 March, apparently included units of the 111th Tank Regt of the 25th Tank Div, which probably had been shipped to Neuruppin from Vogelsang. These units probably were to protect headquarters elements which arrived on the same day

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